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TO: SAINT, Washington
FROM: SAINT, London
SUBJECT: Wilhelm CLASSEN
REFERENCE: AX-10676 of 30 January 1946.

1. The following brief and questionnaire has been sent to the field by the War Room for the further interrogation of CLASSEN:

"Legationsrat Dr. K. O. BRAUN.

According to KIRPIL, the original Referat had no cooperation with the F.O. But, on the formation of Abt. VI C 4 Liaison was established through BRAUN, who was a V-man of VI C 4.

"Under the heading STAMMER, CLASSEN states that BRAUN regularly passed to the Secret Service the more important of STAMMER's reports to the F.O. from Tokyo. CLASSEN states that he can get in touch with BRAUN.

"If it is decided to interrogate BRAUN, he should prove of interest (a) for information regarding the F.O. intelligence organisation in the Far East, and (b) his knowledge of STAMMER's reports, since the latter is reported under arrest in Sugamo Prison for investigation of responsibility in regard to the Tri-Partite Pact.

"Can steps therefore be taken to arrest and interrogate BRAUN?

"V-man "BORIS"

"CLASSEN's description of "BORIS" as a white Russian, with access to the Japanese and Manchurian Embassies in Berlin, who was employed by the "Roland" Referat, is utterly at variance with previous information which indicates that "Boris" was located in China. KIRPIL stated that he was a German, possibly a Hitler Youth leader.

"The way in which CLASSEN volunteers the names of people who might be used by us, contrasts markedly with the amount of information given as to V-men used by VI C 4, sources of information, etc.

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"Taking into consideration that GLASSEN was, after WEIRANGL's transfer, head of the whole department and had (according to KIRNELL) recruited V-men, I-men and agents with KIRNELL, his statement is unsatisfactory.

"Although the set-up of Abt. VI C 4 is now fairly complete as the result of the interrogation of KIRNELL and others, GLASSEN (as Head of the Department) might be asked for a more detailed general statement than he has so far provided. He should be questioned specifically as to the following:

"(1) According to KIRNELL, prior to taking over the leadership from WEIRANGL, GLASSEN was chief of the Referat of VI C 4 responsible for evaluation and compilation of reports. Incoming reports from the auxiliary referats of VI C 4 were sifted for use in further reports to RAPP, SCHULLENBERG, KALTENBRUNNER, HIMMLER, HITLER, P.O., Min. of Propaganda etc.

- Questions:
- (a) What were the various sources of information?
 - (b) How were the reports from the Police Attache and Waffen Attache in East Asia received?
 - (c) Were any reports received from the P.O. other than through Dr. BRAUN?
 - (d) Has he ever heard the information received from the Abwehrstelle in Shanghai associated with the name "Boris" or "Borodin"?
 - (e) Who furnished the information received by the Shanghai channel?
 - (f) What does he know of the GIS organisation in the Far East?
 - (g) Of communications to and from the Far East?
 - (h) Of intelligence personalities in the Far East?

"(2) With KIRNELL he recruited V-men, I-men and agents after 1944.

- Questions:
- (a) Names, details and assignments of those employed in the Far East.
 - (b) Ditto in Germany.
 - (c) Training."

cc: Germany ✓